

NCI Legislative Update

National Cancer Advisory Board

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FY 2010 Appropriations Activities

- President's Budget released May 7
 - NIH - \$30.8 Billion
 - NCI - \$ 5.15 Billion
 - NIH "Cancer" - \$ 6 Billion
- House hearing on NIH budget - March 26
- Senate hearing on NIH budget - May 21
- Next Steps
 - Allocations to Subcommittees
 - Bills drafted by Subcommittees

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Legislative Highlights

- ✓ Kennedy Cancer Bill
- ✓ Comparative Effectiveness Research Bills
 - Comparative Effectiveness Research Act
 - Healthy Americans Act
- ✓ Tobacco Bill

S 717

21st Century Cancer Access to Life-Saving Early Detection Research and Treatment (ALERT)

- Introduced by Sens. Kennedy and Hutchison on March 26, 2009.
- Referred to Senate HELP Committee

Provisions of Introduced Version Related to NCI

- Purpose – To Enhance and Improve the cancer research conducted and supported by NCI and NCP
- Focus on Biospecimens
- Enhance Reporting on Cancer Research

ALERT Bill

Recent Discussion Topics

- Options to best provide coordination of NCP
 - May require strategic plan and annual report
- Biorepositories
 - Focus on issues of quality, access
- Rare and low survival cancers
 - Additional reporting

Timeline

- Will not meet goal of markup before July 4

Comparative Effectiveness Research Act

HR 2502

- Introduced May 19 by Rep. Schrader (D-OR)

Key Provisions

- Establish nonprofit corporation - Health Care Comparative Effectiveness Research Institute
- Create CER trust fund – imposes fee on self-insured health plans and policies
- Require that research be peer reviewed
- Require HHS to make CMS data available
- Require Institute to disseminate findings to clinicians, patients and general public

Healthy Americans Act

HR 1321 and S 391

- Introduced by Rep. Eshoo on March 5
- Introduced by Sen. Wyden on February 5
- To provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier

Key CER Provisions

- Establish Comparative Effectiveness Advisory Board (AHRQ Director plus 14 members)
 - Board to establish peer review advisory panel
 - Board to recommend at least 1 FFRDC
- Establish Research Trust Fund

Tobacco Bill

HR 1256 – Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act

Current Status

- Passed House April 2 (298-112)
- Reported by Senate Committee May 20
- Prolonged Debate in Senate began June 1
- Once passed, President has committed to sign

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Outlook – 111th Congress

- Appropriations Bills
- Health Care Reform

Will there be time for anything else?

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